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PIM COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

ON DEPT'S DRAFT PROGRAM:

(1) RETAIN PREFACE ON PAGE ONE OF CURRENT PROGRAM, CHANGING DATES ONLY.

(2) WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING DEPT'S RATIONALE FOR REDUCING NUMBER OF GRADUATE STUDENTS ON EACH SIDE TO TEN (ART. I-LA) PARTICULARLY SINCE UNIT COSTS IN THIS CATEGORY CONSIDERABLY LOWER AND SINCE U.S. SIDE HAS NOMINATED MORE THAN TEN FOR LAST THREE YEARS.

(3) COMBINE ITEMS 1B AND 1C UNDER ART. I TO READ: "15 RESEARCH SCHOLARS ON EACH SIDE FOR PERIODS OF STUDY UP TO A FULL ACADEMIC YEAR, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MAJORITY OF ROMANIAN SCHOLARS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR UP TO 90 DAYS EACH; PROVIDED ONLY THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MAN-MONTHS FOR EACH SIDE DOES NOT EXCEED 80 PER YEAR." WE SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD PUT AMERICAN SCHOLARS IN SAME 90-DAY STRAIT-JACKET AS ROMANIANS. THIS FORMAT PROVIDES MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR AMERICAN CANDIDATES AND AVOIDS REDUCING TOTAL NUMBER OF FULL-TERM AMERICAN SCHOLARS TO TWO, WHEN

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TOEFL TEACHERS ARE SUBTRACTED PER PARAGRAPH 4 OF DRAFT.

AS INDICATED IN OUR COMMENTS IN EF A, WE WOULD FAVOR
A LARGER PROPORTION OF LONG-TERM GRANTS.

(4) MAKE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH 2 OF ART. I AND RENUMBER
SUBSEQUENT PARAGRAPHS ACCORDINGLY:

"ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO NOMINATE
AND ACCEPT THE FULL QUOTA OF CANDIDATES IN EACH CATEGORY
UNDER PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE, THE PARTIES AGREE THAT UNUSED
QUOTAS FROM ONE CATEGORY MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO
SUPPLEMENT OTHER CATEGORIES." (THIS FORMULA WOULD PROVIDE
INCREASED FLEXIBILITY WE NEED AND AGREED TO IN FEBRUARY
REVIEW TALKS).

(5) REVISE FIRST SENTENCE OF REFTEL PARAGRAPH 2 TO READ:

"NOMINATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE MAY BE IN ALL FIELDS,
BUT THE PARTIES WILL GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO AMERICAN
AND ROMANIAN STUDIES AND TO SUCH SPECIFIC FIELDS AS
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESOURCES, ENERGY RESOURCES,
ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER
SOCIAL SCIENCES (SEE PARA 11 FOR RATIONALE).

(6) ELIMINATE OPENING CLAUSE ("AT REQUEST OF AMERICAN SIDE")
FROM PARAGRAPH 4 OF DRAFT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF ROMANIANS
WILL ACCEPT IMPLICATIONS THAT TOEFL PROGRAM IS IN BOTH OUR
INTERESTS.

(7) APPRECIATE KNOWING WHY DEPT ELIMINATES CURRENT ART.
I-5(B) FROM NEW DRAFT.

(8) ELIMINATE ART. I-6 ALTOGETHER FROM DRAFT AS UNNECESSARY,
UNLESS DEPT STILL FEELS WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT DEGREE
EQUIVALENCE.

(9) WAS OMISSION OF ART. I-8 FROM CURRENT PROGRAM AN OVERSIGHT
OR DELIBERATE IN LIGHT OF NON-FULFILLMENT VQ PROVISION?

(10) WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING COST FIGURES FOR EACH
TYPE OF GRANT, AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN, WHICH DEPT HAS
USED IN DEVELOPING OVERALL BUDGET FIGURE FOR
EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

(11) REVISE ART. III-2 TO READ: "THE PARTIES WILL MAKE
EVERY EFFORT TO RECEIVE UP TO SIX SPECIALISTS ANNUALLY
FOR OBSERVATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN THE
FIELDS OF DRAMA, MUSIC, LITERATURE AND THE
OTHER HUMANITIES FOR VISITS OF UP TO 30 DAYS EACH, WITH
THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THREE OF THE SPECIALISTS MAY BE
CONSIDERED FOR VISITS OF UP TO 90 DAYS." (REFERENCE
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TO THE SOCIAL SCIENCES HAS BEEN DELETED AS INAPPROPRIATE
FOR THIS ARTICLE AND HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN REVISED ART. I-3
ABOVE).

(12) REVISE ART. III-4 TO READ: "THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE
THE INVITATION OF DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS, CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES AND YOUNG PERFORMING ARTISTS TO TAKE PART
IN ARTISTIC EVENTS MARKING EACH COUNTRY'S MAJOR ANNIVERSARIES OR IN OTHER CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WITH INTERNATIONAL

PARTICIPATION."

(13) IN PREPARATION FOR THE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS OF THE
NEW PROGRAM, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE USIA APPRECIATION
OF SIGNIFICANCE HERETOFORE OF PARAGRAPHS 15-21 ON FILM
EXCHANGES.

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